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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/081,206
Filing Date	February 25, 2002
First Named Inventor	MAKOTO SHIHOH ET AL.
Group Art Unit	2861
Examiner Name	A. Vo
Attorney Docket Number	03500.016214

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 13, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<u>06/16/2004 JADD01 00000110 10081206</u>
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	<u>01 FC:1801</u>
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	<u>770.00 OP</u>
iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Substitute Specification</u>	

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) enclosed

3. Fees

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____

b. Checks in the amounts of \$ 770.00 and \$420.00 is enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Douglas W. Pinsky	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,994
Signature		Date	June 14, 2004 (Monday)

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MAKOTO SHIHOH ET AL.

Application No.: 10/081,206

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: LIQUID EJECTION APPARATUS

) : Examiner: A. Vo

) : Group Art Unit: 2861

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.016214

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	2	MINUS	20	0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	0	x \$43 \$86	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

°Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

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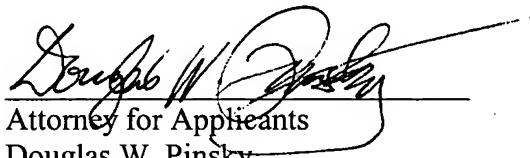
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A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Extension fee for response with a ____-month extension is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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